

App. No. 10/604,977
Amendment dated April 7, 2004
Reply to Office action of March 2, 2004

REMARKS

Summary of Amendments

In the specification, paragraph 0033 has been amended to eliminate the two references in the present specification to "a yoke 10," described therein as being "fitted along the undersurface of the disk-carrying section 2c."

The phrase describing a "yoke 10," as well as the single other mention, also in paragraph 0033, of a "yoke 10," was inadvertently left in the specification when it was prepared for filing.

Later in the specification, in paragraph 0061, a yoke 26 is described, and this description accords with Fig. 2:

An annular thrust yoke 26 made of a ferromagnetic material is disposed in a position on the bracket 4 opposing the rotor magnet 12, generating magnetic attraction in the axial direction between the rotor magnet 12 and the thrust yoke 26.

From a comparison of original paragraphs 0033 and 0061, it is evident that the description of a "yoke 10" does not belong in the present specification. Further, it is believed that leaving in the references could be technically confusing, and thus the amendment to paragraph 0033 makes for a clearer disclosure of the present invention. Likewise, replacing the second mention of "yoke 10" with the words "the hub 2b" makes technical sense, because from Fig. 2, it is quite clear that that is where the rotor magnet 12 is actually attached.

While Applicant greatly appreciates the Examiner's attentiveness in preparing the Examiner's Amendment to correct other errors in Fig. 2, according to the required changes as indicated on the attached page 2A to the Notice of Allowance, redrawn reference numeral "10" would indicate not a yoke, but the rotor hub 2a where it encompasses the upper part of the shaft 2b.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that removing reference mark 10 as superfluous from Fig. 2 is proper under 37 C.F.R. § 1.312, as is the corresponding present amendment to paragraph 0033.

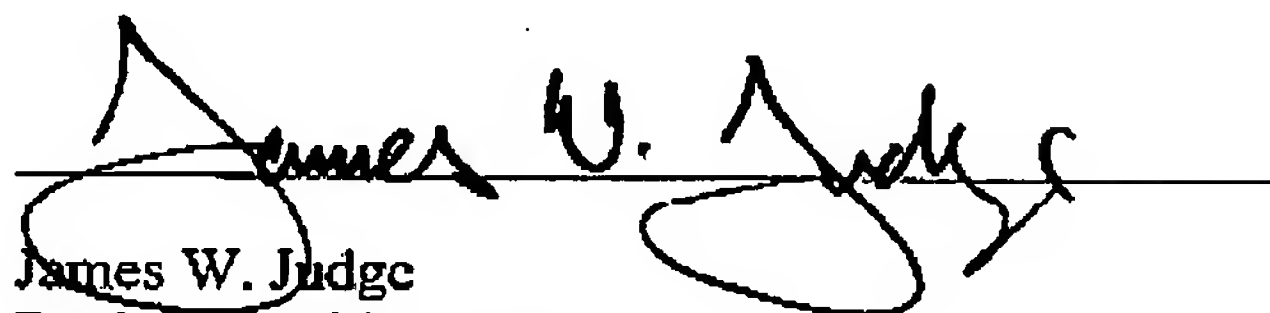
For the foregoing reasons, it is believed that the present amendment has been shown to be needed for proper disclosure of the invention; furthermore, because this amendment including the proposed drawing correction is entirely in response to the Examiner's Amendment, it is believed that its entry should require no substantial amount of additional work on the part of the Office.

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Accordingly, Applicant courteously urges that the Examiner enter the present amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.312, and that the present case issue as such.

Respectfully submitted,

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